



**HIGHLAND MG OWNERS' CLUB
AUTUMN AMBLE
5 – 8 OCTOBER INCLUSIVE**

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Highland MG Owners' Autumn Amble 2024. I hope you have an enjoyable time. If you need to contact me, I am on 07777 641436 (not hands free though!).

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Highland MGOC Events Coordinator

GENERAL:

SOME GENERAL POINTERS:

First, a big convoy is unlikely to be able to keep together and can be a nuisance to others on single track roads, so please be prepared to navigate independently using the information in this booklet and hopefully a decent map. Secondly, please feel free to depart whenever you are ready in the morning. You will need small change for some of the parking and some of the toilets. If you are a National Trust Scotland member, bring your cards with you. Lastly, I recommend some stout footwear if you intend to explore the Inverewe Gardens and parts of the wartime trail.

We will be having a quiz, courtesy of Chris & Gill on Sunday evening.

WHO IS GOING?

Richard Jenner
Stuart & Margaret Brock
Nick & Jean Simpson
Nick & Vivien Ricketts
Peter & Jean Poole
Richard & Jane Penman
Chris & Gill Silver
David & Elaine Hitchmough
Chris(tine) Moore
Malcolm Hope

(10 cars, 17 people)

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

The Gairloch Hotel, Gairloch, Highland, IV21 2BL, United Kingdom, on the main street telephone 01445 712001. Stuart is the point of contact for the hotel. Stuart has booked dinner for us at 1930 (7:30 pm) daily.

FUEL:

There is not much by the way of E5/protection grade available on our routes, so I recommend starting with a full tank (Tesco in Dingwall, Mart Road IV15 9PP or the Jet garage in Dingwall, Strathpeffer Road, IV15 9QF have E5). **NB** there are major road works entering Dingwall on the A862 so if coming from the south you may be better using the Cromarty Bridge and approaching Dingwall from the east.

The Lochbroom Filling Station in Ullapool (Jet) IV26 2SY, which is on the left on the A835 as you depart the town should have E5 ULTRA Unleaded. There is a Gulf Station by the hotel in Gairloch which has E10 only.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Who is doing what as far as I can tell?

Name	General	Wester Ross Woodwork	Inverewe Gardens	Pool House	War Time Trail/Convoy Museum
Richard	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stuart & Margaret	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nick & Jean	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nick & Vivien	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peter & Jean	Highland Farm		N (lunch only)	Y	Y
Richard & Jane	Falls of Shin	Y	Y	N	Y
Chris & Gill	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
David & Elaine	Highland Farm	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chris	Highland Farm		Y	Y	Y
Malcolm	Highland Farm		Y	Y	Y
Totals people	17	13	15	15	17

SATURDAY

See route map attached. An 1100 departure from the Highland Farm Café (Mountgerald, Dingwall, IV15 9TT – opens at 1000) for those who can make it then route via the Struie, Falls of Shin (2nd RV point with Richard & Jane, café open, £4 parking charge), Glen Oykel, Ledmore, Ullapool (lunch stop?) Braemore, Corrieshalloch Gorge - £5 parking charge for non-NTS members, entry free - also a snack possibility - Poolewe, Gairloch. Optional visit to Sandy Boyd's Wester Ross Woodwork from 1600. Given that the group could be well strung out on the road, you should plan to make your own way to the workshop if interested – from the gorge it is about 45 miles should take around 1 hour 20 minutes. The workshop is located at the end of Pier Road in Gairloch (drive through Gairloch then turn right for the harbour and *before* crossing the bridge at the Old Inn – IV21 2BQ). A total of 132 miles from the Highland Farm Café.

SUNDAY

Inverewe Gardens – opens @ 1000, £15 entry (NTS members free), house will be closed, café open, suggest lunch there. Then Pool House at 1400 for house tour, a visit to the Mary Queen of Scots exhibition and tea and scones. The house is opening especially for us, and we have a discounted ticket price of £16 each (normally £19 for house & exhibition). Charges apply in the café.

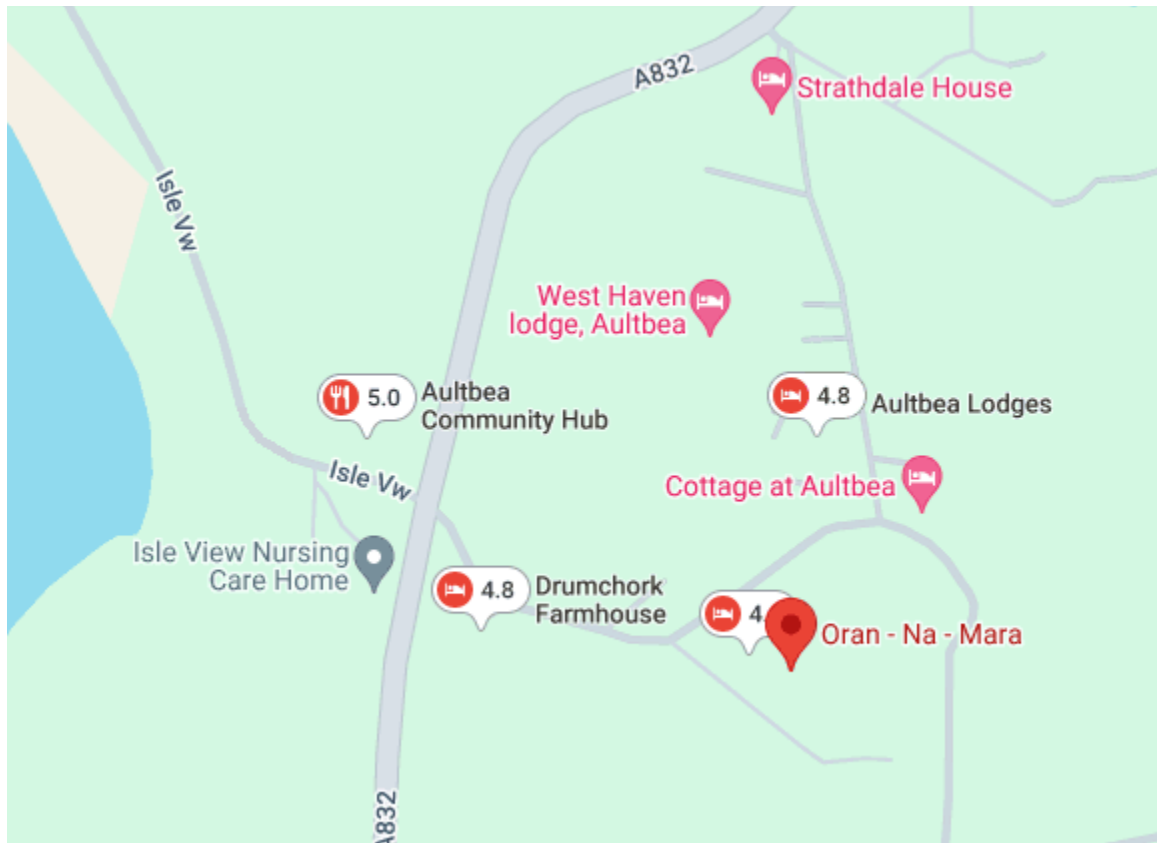
It is 7 miles from the hotel to Inverewe Gardens and should take 15 -20 minutes. Pool House is back towards Gairloch and on the right immediately before the bridge over the River Ewe.

MONDAY

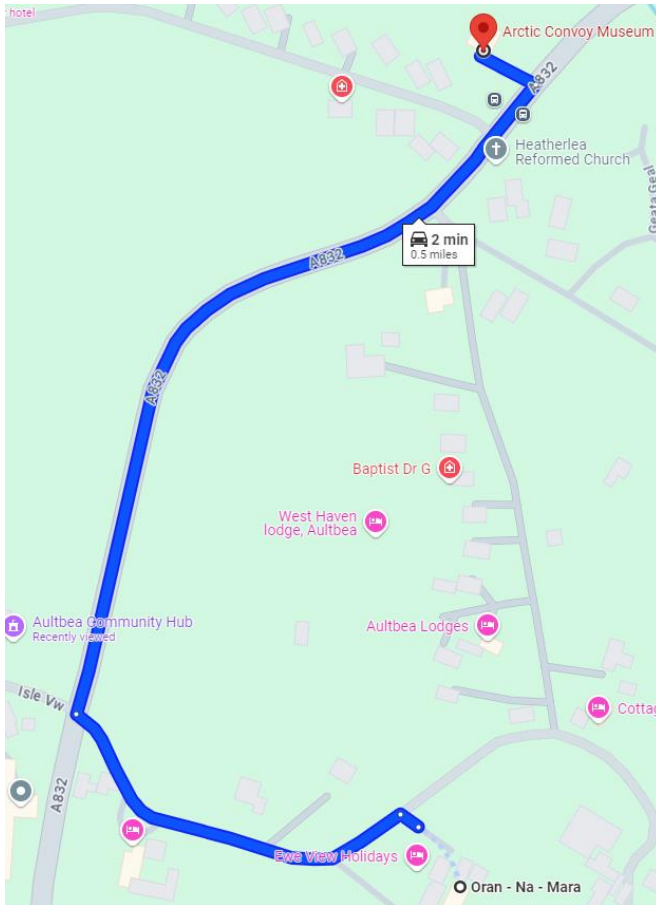
We are going to explore the wartime trail. See the attached enlargements from the brochure (AC series). The first leg is from Gairloch to Cove which is 14.5 miles. We drive to Poolewe and take the B8057 on the left *before* the bridge over the river. There are viewpoints and several interpretation boards along the route. It finishes around 450 yards beyond the end of the public road (there is access via a farm to a parking place) at the Cove Light Anti-Aircraft Battery. We will then back track to Poolewe, cross the river and go up the other side of Loch Ewe to Aultbea (about 7 miles) and then onwards for another 3 miles to the Boom Beach at Mellon Charles.

Do not park on the large concrete pad as this is used as a Coastguard Helipad. See attached route map Poolewe to Mellon Charles.

We will then head back to Aultbea for lunch. There is not a vast choice, especially on a Monday, so we are booked-in in 2 sittings at the Oran-Na-Mara, Drumchork, IV22 2HU. The first sitting is for 9 at 1300 and the second for 8 at 1400. They have a soup & sandwich option. If you back track to the A832 it's give way then straight over the road, past the Drumchork Farmhouse to the café which is on the right over a cattle grid 200 metres after the A832 and should be signed as a café and gift shop.



We can discuss who wants which sitting on the day. The other part of the day is to visit the Arctic Convoy Museum. Return to the A832 and turn right on to it. The museum is on the left after 0.5 miles just past a junction on the left which would take you back into Aultbea. The museum is expecting us and is open to 1600. Concession cost is £7. If you have visited HMS Belfast on the Thames, I can recommend reading about her engagement on convoy duty (somewhere near the back of the displays from memory).



There is no itinerary after the museum visit. It's 12.5 miles back from the museum to the hotel.

TUESDAY

For those who have yet to have their fill of museums, the award-winning Gairloch Museum opens @ 1000. Tickets are £8 but if there is a group of at least 10, this drops to £6. The suggested route home for those heading southwards is via Kinlochewe, Achnasheen, and Garve. It is 62 miles from Gairloch to the A9 at Tore.

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